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ABOUT THE SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Located within Sydney Law School, the Sydney Institute of Criminology is an internationally recognised centre of criminological expertise. The Institute is unique in Australia for pioneering a multidisciplinary, critical approach to criminology, criminal law and criminal justice. The Institute draws on the academic areas of law, sociology, psychology and cultural studies. At the leading edge of Australian criminological research, teaching and publishing, the Institute facilitates dialogue and debate on policy and practice, addressing broad community and professional needs for information, analysis and innovation. The Institute offers opportunities to study at undergraduate and postgraduate levels with leading experts in the field through the Masters and Graduate Diploma in Criminology.

The prestigious peer-reviewed international journal Current Issues in Criminal Justice is published by The Institute Press and has been the forum for many key academic debates. The journal attracts contributions from leading international experts in the field. The Institute also publishes a series of books authored by established and new researchers and thinkers. Two new monographs were published in 2009.

The objectives of the Institute include public education and engagement, the presentation of public and professional seminars, provision of media commentary and the creation and maintenance of local and international research networks. Researchers within the Institute are involved in a range of activities from the evaluation of criminal justice and crime prevention interventions to ground breaking new research.

The Institute's current research theme is Criminal Justice in an Age of Uncertainty. This research theme is primarily effected through three research hubs, each with its own convener expert in the specific domain: Fear, risk and insecurity; Innovations in justice; Defences, mitigation and responsibility. Academics at the Institute advise government and private organisations on matters of crime law and policy and sit on a range of public sector committees and advisory boards.

PAUL BYRNE, SC

The Paul Byrne Memorial Fund commemorates the life and career of Paul Byrne SC who died in 2009. He was beloved by family, friends, class mates from North Sydney Boys High School, Sydney Law School's Graduating Class of 1976, and colleagues at the Bar and in the Judiciary. He will be remembered for his generosity of spirit, his kindness and his consideration for those around him. Paul was judged a truly outstanding criminal lawyer by his peers. He had a life long interest in the criminal law and the criminal justice system, and was an active participant in and a generous supporter of the Institute of Criminology at the University of Sydney throughout his career.

Paul Byrne graduated in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney, and worked with the Public Solicitor's Office as a solicitor. He became a barrister in 1979, and was appointed a public defender. In 1983 he was awarded a Master of Laws degree with First Class Honours, and was awarded a University Medal. He was appointed Director of the Criminal Law Review Division and a Commissioner of the New South Wales Law Reform Commission. In 1995 he took silk and continued an outstanding career as an advocate, taking on the toughest cases, in courts at all levels, with a deep sense of responsibility and the utmost commitment to justice and fair process.

The Paul Byrne Memorial Fund seeks to honour and continue Paul's interest in the criminal justice system by supporting the ongoing activities of the Institute of Criminology, such as lectures, seminars, publications, and awards.

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